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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 27, 2004, Applicants hereby elect the claims of Group I, claims 1-13 and 15-24, drawn to a system.

Applicants, of course, reserve the right to file a divisional application covering the subject matter of any non-elected claims.

Receipt of the initial Office Action on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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